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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, re Intelligence Community Budget Hearings

1. I dropped by Bill Woodruff's office today in another attempt to pin him down on a date for getting with our people to discuss the intelligence Subcommittee hearings on the intelligence community budget. Woodruff again said his work load was such that he could not see his way clear to getting together with us for at least a few days.

2. When I again told Woodruff of our concern about preparation for these hearings, he came up with the following:

a. As he sees it now, the Subcommittee will want the Director one day for four hours (probably two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon). The first 20 minutes should be spent on the community budget and the balance of the time on the CIA budget.

b. There should be no discussion of [redacted] projects since Chairman Ellender has limited access to this information to himself and Senator Young. 25X1

c. The Director will probably be followed in these hearings by Mr. Froehlke, General Bennett, Admiral Gayler, and NRO. (He does not anticipate having the Director present at any of these sessions.)

d. Chairman Ellender will insist on more detail in the Agency budget briefing than we have given in the past.

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e. Woodruff will prepare some questions for the Director. Although he will not give us the specific questions, he will tell us the general areas to be covered so that we can be prepared for them. They will be taken on a geographical basis from the "Horse Blanket.

f. They will want a transcript since the Chairman insists on detailed discussion which Woodruff is not in a position to record for future reference. (Unless we can come up with our own reporter, they will use the [redacted] 25X1

g. The Chairman is thinking of budget cuts for the intelligence community that are so extensive even Woodruff feels they are unrealistic. He added that the community witnesses will just have to defend their own programs. In this regard Woodruff said he was hoping that the elimination of the item on the Radios could constitute the Agency's budget cut. 25X1

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